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The goal of this booklet is to assist in providing a safe and healthful workplace. Words used in this publication such as “must,” “shall,” “required” and “necessary” indicate requirements under OSHA standards. Procedures indicated by “should,” “may,” “suggested” and “recommended” constitute generally accepted good occupational safety and health practices.

Much of the PPE information in this guide is framed in general terms and is intended to complement relevant regulations and manufacturers’ requirements. For more specific information, refer to the OSHA standards in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1900–1999. In some instances, the standards referenced in this guide refer to specifications by the American National Standards Institute and the American Society for Testing and Materials.

This guide does not attempt to cover every PPE issue and topic. For example, respiratory protection is not covered in this book. Other guides in this series cover specific PPE-related topics in a more detailed manner, for example, *A Guide to Developing and Maintaining an Effective Hearing Conservation Program* and *A Guide to Fall Prevention in Industry*. (Consult back inside cover for a listing.) Finally, this guide is intended to be consistent with federal and state OSHA standards; however, if an area is considered by the reader to be inconsistent with a standard, then the standard should be followed.